GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

MA & UD Department – Allegation against Sri Kothamaddi Suresh Babu, Mayor, Kadapa Municipal Corporation on violating the provisions of GHMC Act, 1955 and executing several civil contract works in the Kadapa Municipal Corporation jurisdiction through a firm viz. M/s. Vardhini Constructions which is owned by his family members –Removal from the Office of Mayor, Kadapa Municipal Corporation – Implementation of Orders of Hon'ble AP High Court Dtd.29.05.2025 in WA No.669 of 2025 – Cancellation Orders - Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (G) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 625 **Dated: 25-06-2025**

Read the following:-

1. From Director General, General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department, Appraisal Report No.09 (C.No.0163/V&E/ Engg./2025), Dated:28-02-2025.
2. Show Cause Notice Memo No.2748808/G/2025, Dt .24.03.2025.
3. Orders of AP High Court Dt.8.4.2025 in WP No.9197 of 2025.
4. Govt. Memo No.2748808/G/2025, dt.22.04.2025.
5. Orders of AP High Court in Writ Appeal No.519 of 2025, Dt.29.4.2025.
6. From Sri K. Suresh Babu, Mayor, Kadapa Municipal Corporation, letter dt.07.05.2025.
7. Govt.Memo.No.2748808/G/2025, Dt.09.05.2025.
8. Reprn. Of Sri K. Suresh Babu, Mayor, Kadapa Municipal Corporation, Dt.13.5.2025.
9. G.O.Rt.No.446, MA&UD (G) Department, Dated.14.05.2025.
10. Orders of AP High Court Dtd.22.05.2025 in IA No.1 of 2025 in WP.No.13590 of 2025.
11. Orders of AP High Court Dtd.29.05.2025 in WA No.669 of 2025.

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In the reference 1st read above, the Director General, General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department informed that, Smt. Madhavi Reddappagari , Hon'ble MLA, Kadapa Assembly Constituency has filed complaint petition against M/s. Vardhini Constructions rep. by Sri Kothamaddi Amaresh and Smt. Jayasri (family members i.e., son and wife of Sri Kothamaddi Suresh Babu, Mayor, Kadapa Municipal Corporation) before the Vigilance & Enforcement Department on the allegations of huge irregularities committed in execution of civil contract works in the jurisdiction of Kadapa Municipality and violation of provisions of GHMC Act, 1955. The Vigilance & Enforcement Department conducted an enquiry into the contents of the petition and furnished enquiry report and requested to take appropriate action against the Mayor, Kadapa Miunicipal Corporation for committing irregularities in execution of several Civil Contract works in Kadapa Municipal Corporation jurisdiction through a firm viz. M/s. Vardhini Constructions which is owned by his family members and thus disobeying the Section 22-1(h) of GHMC Act, 1955 as he has violated the provisions of the GHMC Act No. II of 1956.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, Government, after examining the above findings of the Vigilance & Enforcement Department, have issued Show Cause Notice to Sri Kothamaddi

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Suresh Babu, Mayor, Kadapa Municipal Corporation in terms of section 679 (B) (2) of GHMC Act, 1955 as to why he shall not be liable to be disqualified and removed as Mayor, Kadapa Municipal Corporation under 679 (B) (1) of GHMC Act, 1955 for committing irregularities in execution of several Civil Contract works in Kadapa Municipal Corporation jurisdiction through a firm viz. M/s. Vardhini Constructions which is owned by his family members and thus violating the Section 22-1(h) of GHMC Act, 1955 and also requested to submit his explanation in writing on the above allegations within a period of 15 days to Government and that if no explanation is received within the stipulated time, further necessary steps will be contemplated based on the available material as per the provisions of GHMC Act, 1955 and rules in force.

3. Further, Sri Kothamaddi Suresh Babu, Mayor, Kadapa Municipal Corporation has filed WP No.9197 of 2025 questioning the show Cause Notice Dt.24.3.2025 before Hon'ble High Court and the Hon'ble Court in ref.3rd read above has directed the Respondent No.1 i.e., State of A.P., rep. by its Principal Secretary to Govt., MA&UD Dept., to provide all the documents relied upon in the impugned Show Cause Notice to the Petitioner and the time for the Petitioner to respond to reply to the Show Cause Notice is extended by a further period of three (3) weeks from the date of receipt of the web copy of this order. Accordingly, in compliance to the above orders of Hon'ble AP High Court, all the copies were furnished to Sri Kothamaddi Suresh Babu, Mayor, Kadapa Municipal Corporation vide ref.4th read above and he was requested to reply to the Show Cause within time as ordered by the Hon'ble APHC in reference 3rd read above.

4. Subsequently, Sri Kothamaddi Suresh Babu, Mayor, Kadapa Municipal Corporation has filed W.A.No.519 of 2025 against above order dated 08.04.2025 passed in Writ Petition No.9197 of 2025 and the Hon'ble Andhra Pradesh High Court vide ref. 5th read above has disposed of W.A.No.519 of 2025, with the following directions :-

> " ..... We do not find any reason to interfere with the judgment and order impugned. However, we dispose of the present writ appeal with the following directions. In case the appellant herein files his response to the impugned Show Cause Notice within a period of 10 days from today, the authority shall pass a speaking order after giving an opportunity of being heard. Furthermore, if the said order is adverse to the interest of the appellant in any manner, the same shall not be given effect to for at least a period of two weeks thereafter."

5. In the reference 6th read above, Sri Kothamaddi Suresh Babu, Mayor, Kadapa Municipal Corporation has given his written explanation to the show cause notice issued by the Government.

6. After examination of the General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) report in reference 1st read above and the written explanation submitted by Sri Kothamaddi Suresh Babu, Mayor, Kadapa Municipal Corporation in the reference 6th read above and keeping in view of the powers conferred under section 679 (B) (1) of GHMC Act, 1955, Government vide G.O.9th read above, have issued orders removing Sri Kothamaddi Suresh Babu from the office of Mayor, Kadapa Municipal Corporation for committing irregularities in execution of several Civil Contract works in Kadapa Municipal Corporation jurisdiction through a firm viz. M/s. Vardhini Constructions which is owned by his family members and thus disobeying the Section 22-1(h) read with Section 23 (1) of the GHMC Act,1955 with a proviso that the order shall come into

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effect after 2 weeks from the date of issue of order, in compliance with the orders of Hon'ble A.P High Court Dt.29.4.2025 in W.A.No.519 of 2025.

7. Subsequently, Sri K. Suresh Babu has approached the Hon'ble AP High Court challenging the orders issued vide ref.9th read above and filed IA No.1 of 2025 in WP.No.13590 of 2025. In the ref.10th read above, the Hon'ble AP High Court has dismissed the IA. Further, Sri K. Suresh Babu has filed Writ Appeal No. 669 of 2025 challenging the IA order Dtd.22.05.2025 in WP No. 13590 of 2025 passed by the learned single Judge of Hon'ble AP High Court.

8. The learned Division Bench of Hon'ble APHC in its orders dt.29.5.2025 in Writ Appeal No.669 of 2025 has allowed the Writ Appeal and made the following directions:-

> "Therefore this Court is of the considered view that order of the learned single Judge deserves to be set aside. The respondents are hereby directed to maintain status quo till a fresh adjudication is taken up by following the due process of law and granting a fair opportunity to the petitioner as directed by the Division Bench of this Court."

9. In compliance to the orders of the Hon'ble High Court, in the reference 11th read above, Government decided to give fair opportunity to the petitioner for fresh adjudication.

10. In view of the circumstances stated above, Government after careful examination, in order to take up fresh adjudication of the case duly following due process of law and granting a fair opportunity to the petitioner, hereby cancel the orders issued in the G.O. 9th read above.

11. The following notification shall be published in the Extra-ordinary issue of A.P.Gazette Dated: 25.06.2025.

12. The Commissioner Printing, Stationary & Stores Purchase, A.P. Vijayawada shall furnish 50 copies of the Gazette Notification to the Government.

NOTIFICATION

Orders issued in G.O.Rt.No.446, MA&UD (G) Deptt., Dated.14.05.2025 for removal of Sri Kothamaddi Suresh Babu from the office of Mayor, Kadapa Municipal Corporation under section 679 (B) (1) of GHMC Act, 1955 for committing irregularities in execution of several Civil Contract works in Kadapa Municipal Corporation jurisdiction through a firm viz. M/s. Vardhini Constructions which is owned by his family members and thus disobeying the Section 22-1(h) read with Section 23 (1) of the GHMC Act,1955 is hereby cancelled.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S SURESH KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner, Printing, Stationary & Stores Purchase, Vijayawada.
Sri Kothamaddi Suresh Babu, Mayor, Kadapa Municipal Corporation, Kadapa
(through Commissioner& Director of Municipal Administration, AP., Mangalagiri).
The Commissioner of Director of Municipal Administration, AP., Mangalagiri,
(with a request to serve the order to the individual and furnish served copy to
The Government)

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Copy to:
The Commissioner, State Election Commission, Vijayawada
The General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department.
The Commissioner, Kadapa Municipal Corporation, Kadapa.
The Collector and District Magistrate, YSR Kadapa District.
The OSD to Minister for MA & UD.
The P.S to Principal Secretary to Government (MA & UD).
SF/SC (e-2748808).

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER